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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL: TANK ENGINES AND AERIAL DRONES

REF: (A) DAO CAIRO 1188 DTG 191455 NOV 75 (NOTAL)

(B) STATE 28224 (NOTAL)

1. TELEDYNE REPS KILLEN AND BALLWEG BRIEFED DATT AND ARMA JAN 12 ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION (AOI) CHIEF ASHRAF MARWAN ON THEIR PROJECT TO REPOWER EGYPTIAN T54 AND T55 TANKS. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING THROUGH ABU DHABI AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. DATT REFUSED THEIR REQUEST TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF EGYPTIAN ARMY ON BASIS THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE COULD ASSURE GOE DELIVERY, WE COULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION THAT WOULD SUGGEST USG SANCTION. TELEDYNE REPS REPLIED THAT THEY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH FMC, HAD ASKED FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM DEPT OF STATE AND HAD RECEIVED QUALIFIED POSITIVE RESPONSE. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ANY SUCH REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION OR REPLY.

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3. TELEDYNE REPS SAID THAT THEY HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR 18 MONTHS WITH GOE ABOUT BQM34A FIREBEE I AND 34E FIREBEE II,

SUBSONIC AND SUPERSONIC TARGETS.

4. COINCIDENTLY, REP FROM NORTHROP AT SAME TIME WAS DISCUSSING EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN DRONES WITH AIRA. NORTHROP REP SAID THAT AOI SHOWED INTEREST IN NORTHROP DRONES FOR USE IN MULTIPLE MISSIONS DURING PRESENTATION ON BROAD ASPECTS OF NORTHROP CORPORATE ACTIVITIES. AOI INSTRUCTED LOCAL NORTHROP REP TO APPROACH COMMANDER OF AIR DEFENSE FORCES AND MINISTER OF WAR THROUGH DAO OFFICE ON SAME BASIS AS INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE. AIRA IS NOT TAKING ACTION ON NORTHROP'S REQUEST FOR DAO TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS.

5. TELEDYNE REP BALLWEG CALLED ARMA 13 JAN AND STATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH ASHRAF MARWAN AND SHEIKH FAISAL FROM ABU DHABI AND HAD RECEIVED A COMMITMENT TO GO AHEAD WITH A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PUT THE CONTINENTAL ENGINE IN THE T54/55 TANKS. BALLWEG SAID THAT HE IS TO RECEIVE THIS DATE THE NAMES OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY TECHNICIANS WITH WHOM TELEDYNE TECHS WILL WORK OUT THE DESIGN DETAILS FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ENGINE. BALLWEG ALSO STATED THAT ASHRAF MARWAN IS PREPARING A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE THE AERIAL DRONES FROM TELEDYNE, AND BASED ON THE LETTER TELEDYNE WILL PROCESS A REQUEST FOR AN EXPORT LICENSE. BALLWEG CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT HE AND KILLEN VERY CANDIDLY REVIEWED WITH MARWAN THE PROBLEM OF EXPORTING THESE ITEMS TO EGYPT AND THEY POINTED OUT THAT TELEDYNE COULD NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT UNTIL THEY RECEIVED A FINAL DECISION FROM THE MUNITIONS CONTROL BOARD.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON USG POSITION CONCERNING TELEDYNE PROJECT FOR REPOWERING TANKS. ONLY GUIDANCE WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS AREA IS REF (B) DISCUSSING SIMILAR TANK REPOWERING PROJECT BY GM.
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